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Condition of Jute Manufacturers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for improving the condition of jute manufacturers in Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the initiative taken by the Union Government to provide easy loans to jute manufacturers; and

(c) the total number of farmers/jute manufacturers in the State availing benefits under the said measures?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): In the State of Maharashtra, only one micro unit produces diversified jute products in a very small scale. National Jute Board (NJB) has supported the unit to operate a retail sales outlet under its Retail Outlet Scheme. In order to support Jute sector in the country including Maharashtra, the Government has been implementing various policy initiatives and schemes through National Jute Board (NJB), a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Textiles. These policy initiatives and schemes include Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Select Machinery, Jute ICARE project to support jute farmers, Export Market Development Assistance Scheme, Jute Raw Material Bank (JRMB) scheme, Jute Integrated Development Scheme (JIDS), Retail Outlet of Jute Diversified Products and Bulk Supply Scheme, Skill Development Program, etc. In addition, Jute Corporation of India provides support to jute farmers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations whenever the raw jute price falls below the MSP. These interventions are benefitting directly about 3.70 lakh jute workers and 40 lakhs farm families across the country.

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